

REMARKS:

Status of claims and amendments

Claims 1-9 and 11-13 are pending in the application. Claims 5, 6, 12, and 13 have been withdrawn. In the Office Action dated December 26, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 7-9, and 11 as being anticipated by Takeichi, and objected to claim 3 as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but containing allowable subject matter.

In this amendment, claim 1 was amended to include the subject matter of claims 2 and 3. Claims 2-3, 8-9, and 11-13 were canceled. No new matter is added.

Conclusions

In view of the foregoing, Applicant believes all claims now pending in this application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Authorization is granted to charge any outstanding fees due at this time for the continued prosecution of this matter, or credit any overpayment, to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP Deposit Account No. 50-0310 (matter no. 060943-0060).

Respectfully submitted,



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